

Notable Events Timeline for the Association of Related Churches (ARC) co-founded by Chris Hodges (Church of the Highlands)

YEA R	PASTOR/CHURCH	NOTABLE EVENT
1987	Chris Hodges Serves as youth pastor and later senior associate pastor. <i>New Life Church, Colorado Springs, CO</i> 1987-1994 New Life eventually becomes a 14,000 member megachurch and is considered one of the most influential churches in the US under Ted Haggard's leadership.	Hodges joins New Life Church staff under Ted Haggard. Haggard was Hodges youth pastor when they attended Bethany World Prayer Center in Baton Rouge, LA under Larry Stockstill.
1997	Doris Wagner (wife of C. Peter Wagner) deliverance minister Operation Ice Castle	Doris, with a team of 26 "prophets" attempts to climb Mt. Everest to battle with the Queen of the Heavens, a demonic spirit, whom they believe has built an ice castle on Mt. Everest. Most stay in the hotel below base camp. A few make it to base camp.
1994	Chris Hodges New Life Church (NLC) youth pastor then associate pastor Colorado Springs CO to Bethany Church (formerly Bethany World Prayer Center) Baton Rouge LA as associate pastor.	Chris Hodges leaves Ted Haggard's tutelage of 7 years at NLC and returns to Bethany megachurch run by the Stockstill Family. Bethany is where Chris met Ted Haggard and became a charismatic and five-fold ministry believer.
1998	C. Peter Wagner New Apostolic Reformation (NAR) self-appointed presiding "apostle", Fuller Seminary church growth expert and author of book: <i>The New Apostolic Reformation</i> (a 1996 name he assigned the apostolic/prophetic movement he saw emerging, originally from Africa and South America) TED HAGGARD, NEW LIFE CHURCH, COLORADO	World Prayer Center Built on campus of New Life Church. Considered Hub of New Apostolic Reformation spiritual warfare (likened by some to the Pentagon). Wagner moved his Global Harvest Ministry H.Q. to New Life campus in 1996.

	SPRINGS, CO (eventually growing to a 14,000 member congregation) Note that Vineyard Signs and Wonders leader partnered with Wagner at Fuller. Vineyard's Randy Clark had set the spark of the Holy Laughter/Toronto blessing counterfeit revival.	
199 9	Stephen Evans - Youth minister on staff at Rock The Nations, a youth revival ministry, Colorado Springs (a New Apostolic Reformation ministry founded by Gary Black associated with New Life Church. Black and "prophet" Lou Engle later form TheCall NAR ministry)	Ted Haggard negotiates plea deal whereby Evans serves no jail for sexually molesting 4 children. He will undergo a Restoration at New Life Church. 5 years Parole. Violates parole in 2001 and escapes the US to UK. Some believe with NLC/Haggard assistance.
200 1	TED HAGGARD, NEW LIFE CHURCH, COLORADO SPRINGS Haggard's Two Trees in the Garden/ Life-Giving Church philosophy is based on a flawed exegesis of Genesis 2 & was derived from New Apostolic Reformation prophet Rick Joyner in his book, <i>There Were Two Trees in the Garden</i>. <i>Haggard, who is living a mostly secret homosexual life, teaches that Christians live in either the Tree of Life or the Tree of Knowledge of good and evil. He taught that If one judges other's sin, they are living in the wrong tree and begin to die.</i> His teaching is an effective tool to keep congregants or staff from raising concerns about troubling behavior. It is the basis for the Life-Giving Church philosophy taught in ARC.	Ted Haggard writes book: <i>The Life-Giving Church</i>. He writes a version of Joyner's Two Trees in the Garden/ Life-Giving Church philosophy. See Wikipedia under Belief's Tab
200 1	Association of Related Churches (ARC) church planting business formed by Greg Surratt, Billy Hornsby, Scott Hornsby, Dino Rizzo, Rick Bezet, and Chris Hodges. Hodges, Surratt, and Rick Bezet's Brother Randy will eventually begin pastoral restoration ministry at their churches, a term used of returning disqualified leaders back to pulpits.	Chris Hodges Incorporates the Rick Joyner/Ted Haggard Life-Giving Church/Two Trees philosophy into Church of the Highlands, founded in Birmingham, AL. Highlands becomes the template for ARC plants.

		Ted Haggard and Larry Stockstill are Overseers.
2003	Ted Haggard, leader of New Life Church Colorado Springs and Apostolic Overseer at Church of the Highlands Birmingham, AL. Fivefold minster Larry Stockstill serves as Overseer at NLC as well as COTH.	Elected president of the National Association of Evangelicals, representing over 27-million people at the time. Now has vast political power to sway national voting.
2005	Gateway mega-church Southlake, Texas, (formerly Shady Grove Church)	Gateway contacted by now adult victim of Robert Morris seeking compensation for cost of years of therapy related to the 4 plus years of sexual abuse allegedly perpetrated by Sr. pastor Robert Morris. Multiple Gateway staff know and do not report Morris. Morris offers a low sum and requires an NDA. Cindy Clemishire rejects offer. Refuses to sign NDA.
2005	Craig Branch, Founder of the Apologetics Resource Center in Birmingham, AL A review of Church of the Highlands revealed: https://www.docdroid.net/YeUeBpg/church-of-the-highlands-report-pdf After increased inquiries regarding the teachings at Church of the Highlands, Branch conducts an evaluation and found many troubling issues, not limited to Hodges' fivefold ministry belief in modern Prophets and Apostles. Branch found: • The general lack of theological understanding of a number of important doctrines and practices by the leadership • COTH tithes contributing to C. Peter Wagner (presiding apostle in New Apostolic Reformation movement). • Apparent lack of clarity or understanding of the heretical Word-Faith movement and promotion of some of their significant errors. • The heavy emphasis on the controversial Cleansing Stream Ministry whose focus on deliverance and spiritual warfare mixes truth with error. • A negative view of seminaries. • A repeated thread of negative teachings on the deadness of American churches and the COTH as being the recovery model. This creates a "we vs. you," or a "have and have nots" mentality. At some point, Church of the Highlands removed public disclosure of the New Apostolic Reformation/Fivefold ministry beliefs. Following Ted Haggard's Sex	

	scandal, references to him are scrubbed from the internet as well.	
2006	TED HAGGARD, NEW LIFE CHURCH, COLORADO SPRINGS.	Haggard travels to Israel and in Jerusalem he says he received "Apostolic power" (i.e. considers himself an apostle).
2006	TED HAGGARD, NEW LIFE CHURCH, COLORADO SPRINGS.	Mike Jones, male prostitute outs Haggard as a customer as a methamphetamine user. Haggard resigns from 14,000-member New Life Church and as Overseer at Church of the Highlands. 300-member Association of Life-giving Churches merge with Hodges' ARC.
2007	Mike Jones, Male Escort Denver Colorado	Escort Mike F. Jones publishes book, " <i>I Had to Say Something</i> " detailing his 3 year sex for pay relationship with pastor/apostle Ted Haggard
2007	Christopher Beard, New Life Church, Colorado Springs Head of the 24/7 Program (a military style Christian training camp for young people ages 18-23) Michaelangelo Signoreli interview with Bobby Brown concerning Christopher Beard. Brown says that Beard was told to resign or New Life would be forced to call the police. Bail bondsman : 10 more cases of Haggard sex misconduct, 3 with minors. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cXQ8E1su_a0 (Beard's LinkedIn no longer mentions his involvement in Highlands' 24/7 program)	Beard fired for unspecified sexual misconduct and poor judgement (police intervened during a simulated terrorist attack. Young church members carried simulated attack weapons and wore terrorist clothing). Beard hired by Chris Hodges.
2007	Pastor Brady Boyd Hired to replace Ted Haggard at New Life Church (NLC)	Boyd was associate pastor at Gateway Megachurch. A NLC church member, Karen Clemishire-Black, warns New Life Church pastoral hiring committee

		not to hire Boyd lest Robert Morris exert influence at New Life. She informs that Morris had sexually abused her sister, Cindy Clemishire from age 12 to 16. NLC Hires Boyd despite warnings. Morris Becomes Apostolic Overseer of both NLC and Church of the Highlands. Hodges offered Overseer role at NLC but declines.
2007	Youth with a Mission HQ in Arvada CO and New Life Church Colorado Springs CO The motives of Murray are speculation. He did leave a note in his car addressed to God. He also had in his vehicle a copy Brian Jones book, <i>"I had to Say Something"</i> and a book about mass shooters. He was not a member of New Life Church but his mother was a devoted fan of Ted Haggard. He had been angry with WYAM for having years earlier disqualified him for a mission trip. He was found to have had over 3,000 rounds of ammunition at New Life, multiple hand guns and an assault rifle. The quick actions of Jeanne Assam, no doubt, saved many lives of those who were at the megachurch for a Christmas program.	Mass Shooting by 24-year-old Matthew J. Murray. Murray shot 4 and killed 2 at YWAM then drove nearly 80 miles south to New Life Church. He shot and killed two sisters and gravely injured their father. Two more were injured. A security volunteer and former policewoman was armed and returned fire. After being shot, Murray turned his gun on himself
2008	C. Peter Wagner prophesies over "apostle" Todd Bentley and uses "special oil" sent by Chuck Pierce . "Your power will increase. Your authority will increase. Your favor will increase..." This was followed by Bentley's public moral failure, raising questions about Wagner's discernment and prophetic accuracy. Bentley was having an affair during the revival. Bentley kicked someone who came for healing, he claimed under the direction of the Holy Spirit.	
2008	Ted Haggard	Incomplete restoration. Too difficult. Moves back to Colorado Springs.
2008	ARC Lead Team member Craig Groechel Life.Church	YouVersion Bible app is launched. It will eventually be the most widely

	<u>The YouVersion Bible App has been associated with several dangers, including privacy violations, data collection practices, and potential promotion of a self-centered approach to faith. Users have raised concerns about the app's extensive data collection, including contacts and GPS location, which raises questions about data security and privacy.</u>	downloaded Bible app and will feature the NAR heretical Bible The Passion Translation and feature NAR and Word of faith false teachers such as Kenneth Copeland, Lisa and John Bevere.
2008	Bail bondsman Bobby Brown reveals private investigation of Haggard and NLC. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cXQ8E1su_a0 Bobby Brown on Steve Evans restoration: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QgcualISYCs	Brown discloses to radio talk-show host Michaelangelo Signorelli that he discovered the pedophile pastor Steve Evans restoration by NLC. Says he found 10 more victims of Ted Haggard, 3 minors at the time of abuse.
2009	Grant Haas Former member of New Life Church and intern of Ted Haggard. Interview 1 of 7 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LbStp_Cc8Oc 2 Of 7 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9DLtGzR0Wuw 3 of 7 Chris Beard & 24/7 Program https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H8B97eWpv78	Grant Haas begins local and national news interviews revealing that Haggard, among many other inappropriate things had masturbated in bed beside Haas on church trip. Haas interview reveals pastor Christopher Beard and Haggard enjoyed watching the naked young men shower following mandatory morning workouts in the 24/7 program.
2010	Ted Haggard Pastor of St. James Church After marketing wife Tammy's book (Why I Stayed), they market their story on Oprah, appear on Celebrity Wife Swap, participate in a documentary called The Trials of Ted Haggard, appear on Larry King Live & ABC World News. Ted cannot get a job & thus starts 2nd church.	Starts St. James Church at his home. After the Haggards 2009 appearance on Oprah, <u>Cindy Clemishire posts on Oprah's website that she was molested as a child by Brady Boyd's former boss at Gateway.</u> No action by church leaders.
2011	Documents show New Life and Gateway aware of Robert Morris abuse of 12 year old RM - Rsp to Stay Arbitration.pdf - Google Drive	

201 1	NAR apostle Peter Wagner is interviewed by Terry Gross on NPR's Fresh Air. In the interview Wagner tries to walk back his definition of "dominion" regarding goals by the New Apostolic Reformation, an impossible task since he had multitudes of speeches and a book titled, <i>Dominion</i>. In what must be one of the strangest interviews conducted by Gross, Wagner explains why Japan has economic and natural disasters: because the Japanese emperor had sex with their sun goddess, giving the nation over to demonic forces. To counteract this, Wagner insisted, New Apostolic Reformation leaders must engage in deliverance ministries—prayer sessions specifically aimed at “casting demons out of cities and nations.” Only through such targeted spiritual warfare, he said, can Japan—or any country—be freed from the long-standing “demonic strongholds” that underlie its troubles. Many listeners hear for the first time that Sarah Palin and Rick Perry are associated with NAR and that NAR is supremely politically minded.		
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2	ARC The Building Church, Madison AL Did You Hear the Weird Story About Pastor David Pursifull's Resignation from the ARC's Building Church? The Wartburg Watch 2024	developing an obsession with a church member. He was restored – but placed at apostle Larry Stockstill's church network business SURGE where Joel Stockstill was exiled after the Bethany 220i intern abuses became public.
201 2	Dino Rizzo ARC Co-Founder lead Pastor at Healing Place Church, Baton Rouge, LA Forced to resign Kirk Pankratz (Church of the Harvest abuses – 2000 sign petition to close the church) is an Overseer of Healing Place. Restoration by Hodges and re-staffed at Church of the Highlands, Birmingham, AL. Hodges explained that Rizzo went through a 31-point restoration plan devised by him and the overseers of the Healing Place Church.	Resigned at Healing Place megachurch following scandal and restored by Hodges. Introduced as new Associate Pastor. No congregational vote. Rizzo placed as Executive director of ARC. Hodges told Congregation that Dino had a brief inappropriate friendship with a woman. Rizzo's 25 year old church assistant packed up and shipped back home by Healing Place church leaders.
201 5	Gateway Conference Q & A discussing “restoring fallen leaders” with Robert Morris, Chris Hodges Gateway deleted the video. Julie Roys saved it however. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XAT5SdfQYi4&t=362s	Chilling insight from Morris regarding fallen leaders, whose “first nature is to lie and deceive”.
201 6	Lendon Unger at Mennoknight Blog posts Quick Thoughts about Church of the Highlands and Chris Hodges. https://mennoknight.wordpress.com/2016/04/08/quick-thoughts-the-church-of-the-highlands-and-chris-hodges/	Scathing review of Church of the Highlands/Hodges regarding: the preaching of the prosperity gospel, shallow teaching, poor college, and association with Robert Morris denounced.
201 6	Wartburg Watch Blog posts as copy of Church of the Highlands Prayer Force Manual with the strange NAR beliefs. Highlands removes the document from public access. Dee Parsons	Posts the NAR laden Church of the Highlands Prayer Force Manual. Open Heaven, Peter Wagner's

	posts a few of the interesting excerpts here: https://thewartburgwatch.com/2024/08/21/dogateway-folks-know-about-the-arc-where-have-all-the-flowers-gone-the-10-year-anniversary/	Strategic Level Spiritual Warfare, etc
2017	Michael Hodges (son of Chris Hodges) campus pastor Church of the Highlands Birmingham AL https://www.al.com/life/2019/02/pastor-chris-hodges-sons-stage-takeover-at-carolina-megachurch.html	Michael, Chris Hodges' son, is caught in sexual misconduct. He is sent to Larry Stockstill in Baton Rouge for "restoration" (Larry was lead pastor at Bethany megachurch - Hodges and Ted Haggard's home church)
2017	David Hodges (son of Chris Hodges) Church of the Highlands Birmingham AL David pursues career as personal trainer in 2018 - 2019	David leaves employment at COH and becomes youth minister at Hillsong Los Angeles (Hillsong's Brian Houston and Chris Hodges are longtime friends).
2018	Judah Smith and Chelsea Smith Churchcrome (Justin Beiber's church after the Hillsong/Carl Lentz sex scandals) Churchcrome is part of the Hillsong "Family" as well as ARC. The Smiths came under fire in 2023 for forcing church employees to tithe 10 percent to Churchcrome. 100 employees brought a class action suit against the Smiths. Judah Smith allegedly told staff, "I'll be very honest: People have already been transitioned and moved on and fired because they were not tithing." Smith also reportedly told staff members that donating 10% of their paychecks back to the church was a "black-and-white" issue and "even more important than the religious rite of taking communion."	Allegations of rape by Churchcrome pastor Braylor Oliver are found credible by independent investigation. Chelsea Smith uged victim to forgive the "mistake". Pastor Oliver fired. Pastor Oliver re-hired in 2022 despite findings. 2023 Julie Roys publishes investigation results & victim testimony. 2023 Oliver resigns.
2018	Christine Caine ARC Lead Team Ordained by Hillsong's Brian Houston Conference Speaker and founder of A21 (an anti-human trafficking ministry). Caine speaks often in conferences regarding her childhood sexual abuse. Author Carey Scott, whom Caine plagiarized,	Caine Settles plagiarism lawsuit with author Carey Scott. Scott's work was reproduced by Caine in two of Caine's books with direct copying of Scott's text. Ironically, one of Caine's plagiarized books

	said of her own book: <i>“Untangled</i> was a very hard book to write. In its pages, I detailed the sexual abuse I suffered as a child. I shared emotional stories and revealed very personal struggles—ones I never thought I’d talk about publicly. Even more, I deeply admired Caine,” said Scott. “When I saw my words in her work, it felt like a huge betrayal by someone I trusted.”	was entitled, <i>Unashamed</i> .
2018	Dino Rizzo Associate pastor, Church of the Highlands, Birmingham AL Executive Director of the Association of Related Churches (ARC) Servolution (non-profit organization)	IRS 990 Form - Servolution \$368,217 in contributions. \$201,478 taken by Rizzo as salary for 30 hours work per week. Rizzo took 54% of the contributions
2018	Caleb Treat (son of ARC Lead Team Casey and Wendy Treat) Christian Faith Center Federal Way, Washington	Lawsuit calls for removal of Casey and Wendy Treat, and CFO, from church leadership roles. Additional lawsuits brought against son Caleb for sexual harassment. Caleb moved to Birmingham, AL for restoration by Chris Hodges. Hodges places treat in leadership and teaching at Highlands college. Students report inappropriate behavior by Treat on Instagram’s @DoBetterChurch
2018	Florence, AL community Blog posts open letter to Chris Hodges with questions and concerns regarding two convicted sex offenders being brought into the community in secrecy and neither registering with the authorities. Hodges reentry ministry is questioned and evidently, the letter is not responded to or commented upon by Hodges or COTH.	
2019	Dino Rizzo Associate pastor, Church of the Highlands, Birmingham AL Executive Director of the Association of Related Churches (ARC) Servolution (non-profit organization)	IRS 990 Form - Servolution \$318,049 in contributions. \$276,500 taken by Rizzo as salary for 30 hours work per week. Rizzo took 87% of the contributions
2020	John Gray ARC Lead Team pastor at Relentless Church, South Carolina	Multiple moral scandals including a Houston

	(formerly of Joel Osteen's Lakewood Church in Houston, TX. https://www.blackenterprise.com/pastor-john-gray-accused-of-cheating-on-his-wife-with-a-masseuse/	woman in a YouTube video. "Mary" claimed she sent Gray nude photos and meals, while he gave her money. Also, after confessing to his wife of having a "emotional affair" with a different woman, Gray bought his wife a \$200,000 Lamborghini as an anniversary gift.
2020	Luke MacDonald, ARC Launch of Good News in the Neighborhood Church Arlington Heights, IL Formerly Youth Minister at Harvest Bible Church in Chicago IL. Luke and his brother Landon resigned from Harvest Bible Church after their father, James, the lead pastor, was fired for bullying, financial abuse. James recently got into an altercation with a woman and assaulted her after he hit her car. He was charged with felony assault. She was hospitalized for 21 days and was still struggling to walk with the aid of a walker after the incident	Luke MacDonald, the son of disgraced celebrity pastor, James MacDonald at Harvest Bible Church, launched a new ARC church in the Chicago area. Alex George—whose father, Dan George, was an elder at Harvest—told that Luke MacDonald urinated into a cup during a job interview George had with MacDonald in December 2012. Reports also have been made of Luke being as much of a bully as his father, throwing chairs across a room in rage, and not reporting abuse of a child that occurred in the youth ministry.
2021	Senior Pastor Grant Pankratz Church of the Harvest OKLAHOMA CITY Church of the Harvest was founded in 1989 by Kirk and Nancy Pankratz. Their son, Grant Pankratz, was promoted to Senior Pastor in March of 2018. The church added a school, a camp and eventually a two-year program they call a college, where interns pay to come, learn and	Senior Pastor Grant Pankratz resigned from his position after more than 2,000 people signed a petition calling for the church to close in light of numerous members' stories of physical, mental, and sexual exploitation. A former intern sounded the alarm on Facebook.

	work. (Kirk was Overseer of Dino Rizzo at Healing Place Church).	Likened to a Christian concentration camp.
2021	Prominent NAR Leader Che Ahn publicly referred to Chris Hodges, Robert Morris , and Larry Stockstill as apostles in a video published in 2021 . In that clip, he identified them—along with other megachurch pastors—as part of the New Apostolic Reformation (NAR) , a movement that emphasizes modern-day apostleship and spiritual authority.	
2021	Justin Dailey, lead pastor of ARC Action Church—a multi-campus megachurch in Orlando, Florida	Justin and his co-pastor wife divorced & never disclose to the congregation. Continued as if it had never happened .
2021	Tavner Smith, lead pastor of ARC Venue Church in Chattanooga, Tennessee	Video emerged of Smith kissing a woman, not his wife. Affair finally admitted with woman at the church after eight staff members resigned. Smith left the pulpit only a few weeks before returning. Once one of America's fastest-growing congregations, Venue experienced a sharp decline in attendance and revenue. In 2022, the church filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy, revealing over \$3 million in debt and less than \$5 million in assets. Smith's ex-wife, Danielle Smith, also sued the church for breach of contract, alleging missed payments and failure to transfer vehicle ownership as agreed upon in their divorce settlement.
2021	Jason Delgado lead pastor of ARC Vibrant Church in Columbus, Mississippi (Church was founded by his parents) <u>Note: The Laura Egan suit also named other church leaders—including Delgado's parents, who held roles in counseling and human</u>	Delgado resigned following multiple allegations of sexual harassment. Several former employees and interns accused Delgado of making unwanted

	resources—as well as Dino Rizzo, a senior pastor at Church of the Highlands and executive director of the Association of Related Churches (ARC). The lawsuit alleged that church leadership knew about Delgado’s behavior as far back as 2016 but failed to take action. Egan claimed she was discouraged from reporting the harassment and was told not to speak about it—even to her husband. Delgado eventually admitted to “inappropriate behavior” in a letter to the congregation, but the lack of transparency and accountability drew widespread criticism. Delgado moved to Birmingham, Alabama. The lawsuit was dismissed because laws were structured for paid employees only. Volunteers are not protected by those laws. The Judge advised Egan that she could proceed to file a civil suit.	sexual advances, including sending sexually explicit messages and propositions via social media and other electronic means. Unpaid Intern, Laura Egan brought a federal lawsuit claiming Delgado used his position of trust to manipulate and harass her.
2021	Joel Stockstill Youth Pastor and Leader of 220i Program Bethany World Prayer Center, Baton Rouge, LA Jonathan Stockstill - lead pastor succeeding his father, Larry Stockstill (overseer at Church of the Highlands and New Life Church, Colorado Springs). Bethany megachurch was founded by Roy Stockstill, Larry’s father. Joel Stockstill removed as youth pastor and moved to Larry Stockstill’s Surge Project, which Joel now oversees. David Purciful was moved to Surge after his forced resignation from the Builders Church. Jonathan Stockstill eventually issued an apology. “Several commenters on Jonathan Stockstill's Facebook page complimented him for apologizing. Those who talked to NBC News, on the other hand, viewed it as a public relations gimmick intended at averting a "potential lawsuit by the more than 100 men and women" who have formed an online survivors' group.” This program ran parallel to Chris Hodges’ 24/7	NBC News published a detailed investigation into the alleged intern abuse and misconduct within the program. The 220i program was a controversial youth leadership internship that ran from 2005 to 2013. It was designed to train young Christians for ministry, but later came under intense scrutiny for alleged abuse and cult-like practices. Abuses included forced fight nights, extreme physical workouts in high heat until vomiting or soiling themselves, racism, shaming and other verbal abuses. Joel and his friends would shoot students with paintball guns. Attendees degraded. Told it was the way of the cross. Cost was \$5,000 plus room and

	program. Posts on instagram's DoBetterChurch say that 24/7 had equal problems to the 200i program. 24/7 eventually morphed into Highlands College.	board for 10 weeks.
2021	Joshua Mauney Lawsuit ARC Newsound Church (renamed Sound Church after rape allegations) Royal Palm Beach, Florida National Director of Church Planting for ARC from 2016-2018 Mauney had planted an ARC church in Lexington KY (TurningPoint) that was considered one of the fastest growing churches. After an undisclosed reason, Mauney leaves the church and plants Newsound in FL. After the allegations by Jane Doe, Mauney resigns and goes into home remodeling. Pastor Joshua Mauney is currently based in Hollywood, Florida, where he serves as the Lead Pastor at Turning Point Church Newsound Overseer was Dino Rizzo. In Court Documents for the lawsuit, "Mr. Rizzo represented to (Doe) that he wanted to help but instead started interrogating Doe on who was aware of the abuse by Mauney," the lawsuit states. "Mr. Rizzo asked her if she wanted to be devious and make the church close down. She replied no." https://www.al.com/news/2021/10/lawsuit-alleges-birmingham-church-group-enabled-predator-disguised-as-a-pastor.html	Jane Doe's lawsuit accuses Mauney of raping and sexually assaulting her on 12 separate occasions between late 2019 and early 2020 while she worked as his assistant at church. The suit claims Mauney groomed and exploited Doe, placing her desk in his office and maintaining constant communication to manipulate her emotionally and professionally. ARC is named as a defendant alongside Newsound Church, accused of negligence and cover-up. • The lawsuit alleges ARC knew of Mauney's history of sexual misconduct but still allowed him to plant and lead Newsound Church. • ARC leaders—including Dino Rizzo and Greg Surratt—are accused of enabling Mauney's abuse by approving his leadership and failing to act on prior warnings.
2021	Micahn Carter Church of the Highlands (formerly of Together Church, Yakima Washington) Mary E Jones Blogged about the incident in one	Carter was restored and preaching at Church of the Highlands. His alleged rape victim, his assistant at the church) sent

	single entry. Moving Forward https://medium.com/@jonesmary321.mj/moving-forward-b40408a3887b ARC has placed Carter in another ARC church where he preaches again, Forward City Church in Columbia, South Carolina	Hodges a certified letter relating the event. ARC had been contacted 5 days after the incident but Hodges claimed not to have known. Initially Carter said he had undiagnosed Bi-polar disorder, then claimed that the sex was consensual. The victim, did not go to police. Now Carter has decided to sue her, a single mom for 500,00.
2021	A @DoBetterChurch Instagram post regarding the Church of the Highlands 24/7 program prompts Reddit post asking if anyone can confirm that 24/7 students were taken into the woods as part of missionary kidnapping simulations and forced to kill and eat a goat. Confirmations are made along with the backstory of why.	
2022	Ted Haggard Pastor of St. James Church	Allegations of drug use and inappropriate touching perpetrated by Haggard again. Church closes.
2022	Charlotte (Char) Gambill Teaching Pastor Church of the Highlands (COH) Formerly of UK megachurch - Life Church Bradford	Gambill becomes teaching Pastor at COH leaving former church and country amid allegations of abuse of power, financial misconduct, and mistreatment of volunteers and staff. Former members described a culture of control, manipulation, and fear.
2022	Andy Wood ARC Echo Church, multisite megachurch in San Jose, California (Andy took Rick Warren's place at Saddleback Church)	Allegations by Jason and Lori Adams-Brown of bullying, abuse and retaliation against staff for asking questions.
2022	James MacDonald begins preaching at Generation Church—an ARC megachurch in AZ. In 2024 A California judge ruled that disgraced pastor James MacDonald was eligible for a	After being fired from Harvest Bible Church in Chicago and being deemed unfit for the pulpit in 2019, MacDonald began

	mental health diversion in his felony assault case, stemming from an incident in March of 2024, which left a 59-year-old woman hospitalized. According to <i>The Roys Report</i> (<i>TRR</i>), MacDonald allegedly struck a car parked in front of him on March 22, while trying to parallel park on Orange Avenue in Coronado. The occupant of the car, later identified as 59-year-old Barbara Bass, got out of her car to talk to MacDonald. Then MacDonald “jumped out of his truck and attacked the victim,” according to Coronado Police. The injuries caused the victim to be hospitalized for 21 days.	preaching again as a guest at ARC Generation megachurch. They have subsequently removed the videos of his sermons from their website according to the Roys Report. MacDonald was fired from Harvest following a radio show airing a hot mic recording with him cursing and raging. He was fired for bullying and had mishandled finances at Harvest Bible church. Church was in debt. He used church money to buy a car for ministry friend, Ed Setzer.
2022	Vernon Tyrell Willis Seacoast Church Dream Center Youth Leader: Seacoast Church , ARC megachurch, founded by ARC co-founder Greg Surratt	10 girls aged 13-16 reported inappropriate touching between 2019 and 2022. Attorneys representing victims say the church had knowledge of misconduct as early as 2020 and failed to act. • Guilty plea: 2 counts of second-degree assault and battery, 7 counts of third-degree assault and battery. • Sentence: 3 years of probation, mandatory boundary counseling, and credit for 28 days previously served in jail. • Avoided prison time due to a plea deal, despite the

		serious allegations.
2022	Jeremy Foster Lead Pastor ARC Hope City Church in Houston, Texas Hope City is no longer listed on ARC Church Finder Page. Once called the fastest growing church	Father of 5 children, resigned after an adulterous affair. Left his family and remarried a year later by his father, a minister in the United Pentecostal Church International.
2022	Jonathan Wiggins, the lead pastor of Rez.Church located in Loveland, Colorado ARC Some of the church staff who were dropped from his suit have now asked Wiggins to pay for their lawyer fees. Rez.church was previously sued by the school it founded for trying to evict them.	Wiggins sued church staff for their claims that he was involved in use of magic mushrooms and sexual infidelity.
2022	Julie Roys / The Roys Report begins posting the many news stories involving the abuses in the Association of Related Churches. https://julieroys.com/investigations/arc/	
2023	@DoBetterChurch (Instagram, aother social media) began posting about the Association of Related Churches (ARC) in 2023, with its earliest known content appearing in the spring and summer of that year. The account quickly gained traction for its investigative tone and insider knowledge, often sharing leaked documents, anonymous testimonies, and commentary on ARC's leadership culture. Allegations of sexual abuse, coverup and non-action by leaders at Highlands College after victims reported as well as ARC churches.	
2023	Chris Hodges Church of the Highlands/ co-founder of ARC https://www.christianpost.com/news/pastor-chris-hodges-apologizes-for-liking-racially-insensitive-social-media-posts-of-conservative-leader.html	Hodges comes under fire for liking posts by dominionist Charlie Kirk on social media. Charlie is closely affiliated NAR apostle Lance Wallnau.
2023	Josh Gagnon, ARC Next Level Church, Somersworth, multiple New Hampshire campuses and a Florida campus https://www.wshu.org/2023-05-03/next-level-the-rise-and-fall-of-a-new-hampshire-megachurch	Church closed after mass resignation of church staff. Allegations by 25 former staff and volunteers of bullying, hazing, and financial misconduct. Made staff participate in stripping game. The New Hampshire Attorney General's office confirmed

		that it is looking into the church, but offered no more specifics.
2023	The Lodge Church of the Highlands at Grants Mill Campus In 2021 Hodges said that at any given moment he and Dino Rizzo were performing around 20 pastoral restorations. He said he wanted to be known for restorations. Rizzo underwent a restoration by Hodges after an incident his Healing Place megachurch in Baton Rouge. (Rizzo was youth minister for Jimmy Swaggart as well as a Swaggart college graduate.)	The \$4.5 million Lodge was reported to be the restoration center for morally fallen pastors based on previous comments by Chris Hodges. He later denied that and said it's for pastors suffering from burnout from the Covid pandemic.
2023	The Roys Report investigated what they dubbed the Hillsong Celebrity Preacher Scam. "Donor Churches" paid large sums to Hillsong and in turn were invited to luxurious Hillsong events and are paid large honorariums for speaking. The top churches enriched were ARC churches. Roys reported that well-known conference speaker and author Christine Caine (sued for plagiarism for two of her books) created the "celebrity preacher's scam" with Hillsong's leader, Brian Houston. Caine is a member of ARC's governing Lead Team.	
2023	Chris Hodges is mentioned in Australian Parliament session during investigation of Hillsong megachurch's alleged fraudulent and lavish spending. A \$10,000 check issued to Hodges is pointed out as "curious". Hodges had been a 3rd party outside investigator of his friend, Brian Houston's sexual misconduct in 2019. The other investigator, Paul de Jong also received a \$10,000 check from Hillsong. https://www.al.com/news/2023/03/hillsong-payment-to-church-of-the-highlands-pastor-chris-hodges-curious-australian-lawmaker-says.html	
2024	Ben Tubbs - Former pastor of ARC <i>Thrive City Church</i> in Syracuse, New York https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JUwAFIUoM_c	Was caught masturbating at his desk at church while watching computer. Stood and exposed himself to female church member. Was subsequently found to have appointed registered sex offenders to leadership roles at the church.
2024	Martin MacDonald ARC City Church, Batavia NY https://thewartburgwatch.com/2024/09/16/an-open-letter-to-pastor-chris-hodges-regarding-city-church-batavia-and-membership-in-the-	Adult Melissa Hobson, formerly of Batavia, made allegations public that she was molested as a 12-year-old by pastor Martin (Marty) MacDonald.

	association-of-related-churches-arc/ https://www.thebatavian.com/tags/marty-macdonald	Hobson said the abuse continued 6 years. Charges were repeated in a video interview with another local pastor. ARC removed City Church from their Find a Church website and is no longer listed. MacDonald denies it. When she told initially, church elders said she had seduced MacDonald and she should forgive him.
2024	Robert Morris June 2024 Lead pastor at Gateway Megachurch (100,000 weekly attendees) Church of the Highlands Overseer who self identifies as a "Prophet" The law firm's investigation of Gateway found multiple church leaders and staff knew about the abuse claims for years and failed to investigate them further, according to Gateway's Tra Willbanks. It's not clear how many church leaders knew about the alleged abuse, but four elders were removed from the church's website. Unrelated to Clemishire abuse, Gateway's Kemtal Glasgow, executive pastor at the Southlake campus, was fired in August 2024 due to a "moral issue".	Morris resigns from Leadership. National News outlets report of Cindy Clemishire's alleged childhood sexual abuse perpetrated by Robert Morris. She said she was 12 when the violations began and did not end until past her 16th birthday. She had told of this abuse for years – but no church authorities took action. Dee Parsons listened to Cindy and posted her story on the Wartburg Watch blog.
2024	Prophet Jim Laffoon Every Nation - dominionist NAR church network, rebranded from the former name of Moring Star International (MSI) and Maranatha Campus Ministries. Rebranded to distance from the financial and sex scandals of former leadership. MSI/Every Nation called a sociological cult. "apostle" C. Peter Wagner endorsed Laffoon's book: Divine Alliance, which teaches pastors how to work with so-called "apostles". Berean Research and other discernment platforms list Laffoon among NAR leaders who emphasize dreams, visions, and direct revelation from God—often without biblical accountability.	Hodges replaces "prophet" Morris with "prophet" Laffoon. Laffoon comes from the heretical latter Rain movement and denounced shepherding movement.

202 5	Chris Hodges (January 2025) ARC co-founder and lead pastor of Church of the Highlands, Birmingham AL	Hodges steps down as lead pastor of Church of the Highlands. Trades positions with Mark Pettus and is now “Chancellor” over Highlands College, an expensive, poorly accredited “college” that has been accused of having greater emphasis and depth on stage lighting than Bible. Former Student says he was given a “How to Talk like TED” instructional sheet as a guideline for preaching a sermon.
202 5	Robert Morris Arrested Former Gateway Megachurch pastor (March 2025)	Oklahoma prosecutors charged Morris with five counts of lewd or indecent acts with a child stemming from the allegations made by the victim, Clemishire . Morris has since pleaded not guilty.
202 5	Brady Boyd forced to resign New Life Church Colorado Springs CO Executive Pastor of Adult Discipleship, Lance Coles, and Chief Financial Officer, Brian Newberg, will leave after a transition period. All three have been removed from the church’s website, including Boyd’s wife, Pam Boyd, who served as women’s ministry pastor.	Forced to resign following disclosure of 2011 emails showing that he knew of Robert Morris crimes. Did not report him, made him Overseer of NLC. Newberg and Coles were aware of Morris’ crimes having been warned by the victims’ sister, a NLC member, in 2008.
202 5	ARC rolls out social media blitz to sell ChurchCandy to churches	ARC aggressively markets ChurchCandy digital marketing tool for church growth. Introduces ARC to churches that are interested in church growth. Excellent recruitment tool for ARC.
202 5	May 13, 2025: Gateway Church sues Robert Morris over retirement pay	

	Gateway Church filed a civil suit against Morris after refusing his request asking for millions of dollars as part of his retirement, according to court filings. Morris is demanding money promised and says the promised compensation cannot be reneged because they knew already of the Clemishire abuse before the agreements.	
2025	June 2025 Gateway Church founder and former Church of the Highlands overseer, Robert Morris faces civil suit over alleged abuse cover up Lawsuit was filed this week in a Dallas County District court accusing former megachurch evangelist Robert Morris and those who allegedly knew about his alleged sexual acts with a 12-year-old girl of defamation, libel, slander, failure to report, civil conspiracy, intentional infliction of emotional distress and unjust enrichment, in addition to other accusations. Plaintiffs: Cindy Clemishire and her father Jerry Clemishire.	
2025	John and Debbie Lindell Pastors thru 2027 2027 they plan to turn the church over to their sons without church vote. James River Church Ozark, Missouri Scandals: Toe regrowth miracle hoax – Bill Johnson (see www.ShowmetheToes.com) Stronger Man Conference – Mark Driscoll stands and calls out the bare chested, sword swallower, pole dancer. Todd White speaks conference saying God wants to be your sexual climax.	James River, no longer is listed on ARC Church finder webpage after 2025 controversies. Dino Rizzo still has a page on the James River webpage but no longer listed as ARC overseer. John Lindell controversially takes over the church governance. He deceptively removed church voting rights. Disaffiliates from the Assemblies of God.
2025	Gary and Drenda Keesee Faith Life Church New Albany Ohio (not listed as ARC – but obvious COTH clone: Serve Day, Dream Team, Dino Rizzo) The Columbus Dispatch reported that one of the women initially sought help from the Knox County Sheriff's office but was told that Sheriff Daniel Weckesser would not investigate due to a conflict of interest. The conflict is related to Faith Life's co-pastor, Drenda Keesee, who recently began her first term as a Knox County commissioner. The Dispatch reported that the Sheriff's Office referred the woman to Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost's office instead. Yost's office then said	No longer listed as an ARC church on the ARC church finder page. Tom Keesee arrested: 32 counts of abuse, 13 rapes. The Keesees covered up for sexual predator son, Tom, a church employee. One victim who came forward was their daughter.

	that he, too, had a conflict, being friends with Keesee, and would not take the case. The response kick-started a petition drive to pressure Yost, who is running for governor in 2026. A Change.org petition with more than 2,500 signatures pressured Yost to explain his recusal publicly.	
July 2025	Ohio For Freedom and Bad Fruit Podcast look at Chris Hodges and ARC involvement in the James River Church in Ozark MS takeover and disaffiliation from Assemblies of God. John Lindell took away the congregational vote. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YzdiMfxiQ-Y&t=1s note: A similar takeover occurred in Ed Young Sr's Second Baptist Church. Ed Young Jr. has affiliation with the Association of Related church and has spoken at their conference. https://trinityfi.org/accountability/ed-youngs-toxic-church-business-practices-and-mergers-infect-second-baptist-houston-and-other-churches/	
2025	Jeff Countryman ARC Church campus pastor Tampa-area Grace Family Church Countryman stole thousands of dollars from two churches: \$30,000 from Cape Coral Christian Fellowship Church and \$15,000 from a church in Clearwater) (https://www.fox4now.com/news/local-news/former-pastor-accused-of-stealing-30000-from-cape-coral-church). Arrested in 2018. Went to "restoration". In 2020 he returned to ministry at ARC network Grace Family Church. Countryman lists "Humble" as one of his giftings on his resume. https://jeffcountryman.com/resume	In May of 2025 parted ways with Grace but NDA was signed by Countryman and Grace Family Church that prevents disclosure of reason for parting.
2025	ARC, the Association of Related Churches, one of the most scandalous entities in business, is featured in the Nathan Appfel's 7 part documentary series, The Religion Business. Shawn Ryan interviews Nathan: https://youtu.be/cw0jjxI1SCY?si=-ifu0C98ulww5qfd See the Documentary at www.thereligionbusiness.com	
09/25	Jonathan Wiggins lead pastor of ARC affiliate REZ.Church (pronounced Rez dot Church) Loveland, Colorado	Wiggins Resigns Over 'Moral Failure' after elders finding new issue.

		Multiple Scandals had been reported previously involving Wiggins, including allegations of sexual misconduct in 2022.
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Apologetics Resource Center: [Church of the Highlands Report.pdf | DocDroid](#)

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Note: the Late Craig Branch did not publish the report in their journal. He did upload the report for those who were searching for COTH answers. I contacted the Apologetics Resource Center and Director Emeritus Clete Hux shared the follow-up document that Craig Branch wrote as well. They will send both documents upon request: <https://arcapologetics.org/contact-us/>

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Christine Caine :

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[Dino Rizzo - James River Church](https://jamesriver.church/profile/dino-rizzo/) <https://jamesriver.church/profile/dino-rizzo/> This page on James River site formerly listed Rizzo as Overseer.

There are multiple warnings on Reddit by a person alleging abuse by ARC pastor Chad Wheeler. These are not substantiated.

Association of Related Churches (ARC) is a nonprofit organization. Specifically, it's designated as a **501(c)(3)** tax-exempt entity under U.S. law. That classification

means it's recognized by the IRS as a charitable organization, typically for religious, educational, or other public service purposes.

ARC was granted tax-exempt status in **December 2004**, and it's based in **Birmingham, Alabama**. Like many church-related organizations, it benefits from certain exemptions—such as not being required to file annual Form 990s—because of its religious nature.

To quote Chris Hodges sermon when he was talking about performing restorations, “You don’t even know”.